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MERCHANDISE SALES METHOD AT AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE

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ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a merchandise sales method at an automatic vending machine, which is capable of contributing to the solving of consumer's inconvenience by executing discount sales by the irreducible minimum fed amount of money.

SOLUTION: This machine executes the discount sales of a price Z per one purchased merchandise when the merchandise of a unit price Y is consecutively purchased by not less than N-pieces (on condition that N is the integer not less than 2), which is the boundary number of discount sales, by the amount of money fed before a merchandise selection button is pressurized. In order to execute this sales, a message that it is possible to sell N-pieces of merchandise is displayed when the number of sales by the amount fed before the merchandise selection button is depressed is (N-1) and the balance X is less than the unit price Y but the sum of the balance X and (NXZ) is not less than the unit price Y. Then when the merchandise selection button is actually depressed, the sales operation of N-pieces of merchandise is executed.

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